Telecast of Serial 'Tipu Sultan'

*37. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Karnataka has requested Doordarshan not to telecast the Serial 'Tipu Sultan' unless all fire victims receive due compensation; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir. Doordarshan does not appear to have received any such request from the Chief Minister of Karnataka.

(b) Does not arise.

Anand Margis plot to kill CPM Leaders in West Bengal

*38. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plot to kill CPM leaders by Anand Margis has been unearthed in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to foil the plot?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) There are reports that the Anand Marg activists have prepared a hit list of some persons to be killed which includes some prominent leaders of the CPI (M). The government is aware of the unlawful activities of the Anand Marg activists. Steps will continue to be taken to check their activities. The Government of West Bengal has been alerted and it will be taking necessary precautionary measures.

Draft Agreement with Portugal on Return of the Goans Gold

*39. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the 1990 draft agreement finalised between the Portugese and Indian authorities regarding the return of Goans gold which was removed by the Portugese authorities from Goa to Lisbon when Goa was liberated;

(b) the present value of the gold, the procedure and the time-table of its return to its owners/their inheritors; and

(c) whether it has been ensured that the 1990 draft agreement would finally be honoured and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) The Portugese Government have indicated their readiness to return the gold ornaments removed from Goa to Lisbon. A team of State Bank of India officials would be visiting Lisbon to finalise an agreement on this subject.

Overstay by Pak Nationals

*40. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of nationals of Pakistan who had overstayed in the country during the last six months, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for which they had been allowed to overstay in the country;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to send them back; and